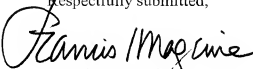


REMARKS

It was noted that the Examiner's Amendment only removed some of the reference characters from the claims and the above amendment removes all the reference characters remaining after taking the Examiner's Amendment into account. In addition, the means-plus-function language has been removed and the "steps of" language removed. Acronyms have been cancelled and the full text substituted therefor. Entry is requested.

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